

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-CS-02-03

Issued at: Fairbanks, Friday August 15,  
2003

Effective Date: 12:01 P.M. Sunday, August 17, 2003.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2003  
Unless superseded by subsequent  
Emergency Order.

### EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the sport fishery for chum salmon in all waters of the Yukon River drainage including the Tanana River drainage effective 12:01A.M., Sunday, August 17, 2003.

All chum salmon caught must be released immediately back into the water unharmed.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5AAC 70.022 (c)(2) and (d) (2) are superseded by this Emergency Order. Under this Emergency Order, the following provisions are effective:

(c)(2) In all waters of the Yukon River drainage, salmon, other than king salmon: the bag and possession limit is 10 fish, except all chum salmon caught must be released immediately back into the water unharmed.

(d)(2) In all waters of the Tanana River drainage, salmon, other than king salmon: the bag and possession limit is three fish, except all chum salmon caught must be released immediately back into the water unharmed.

In all waters of the Yukon River drainage, effective 12:01 A.M., Sunday, August 17, 2003 the sport fishery for chum salmon is closed.

Kevin C. Duffy  
Commissioner

by delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

John Burr  
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim  
Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The sport fishery for chum salmon in the Yukon River is closed, effective Sunday, August 17, 2003 in accordance with the fall chum salmon management plan.

The 2003 fall chum salmon run size is presently projected to range between 400,000 and 500,000. by the end of the season. A run of this size should meet escapement needs, but can provide only a portion of the subsistence needs. Under direction of the fall chum salmon management plan, commercial, sport, and personal use fisheries shall be closed and the subsistence fishery shall be restricted when run size is less than 600,000 fall chum salmon.

The subsistence chum salmon fishery in Subdistrict 5-D will be reduced from seven days per week to three and one-half days each week effective 8:00 P.M. Sunday, August 17 in an effort to conserve fall chum salmon.

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